

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 919

By McNally

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Clarence Warren Houck
of Lake City.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of
the passing of Clarence Warren "Pete" Houck; and

WHEREAS, Pete Houck was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional
who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous
capacities; and

WHEREAS, the son of the late Russell and Eleanor Criley Houck, Mr. Houck was born
on June 12, 1932, in Mifflin, Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, Pete Houck served with acumen and alacrity as an employee with Martin
Marietta from 1965 until his retirement in 1995, during which time he earned the respect of his
peers and superiors alike for the exemplary quality of his work; and

WHEREAS, following his retirement, Mr. Houck worked part-time for Materials
Engineering and Testing in Oak Ridge and he also dedicated his time and energies to the *Town
Crier* newspaper; and

WHEREAS, wholly committed to the ideals of public service and community
involvement, Pete Houck served for two terms as the Mayor of Lake City, rendered sterling
service for more than forty years as a member of the Lake City Council, and was serving the
position of Lake City Vice Mayor at the time of his death; he was also a member of the Lake City
Lions Club; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Houck enjoyed a number of life's joys, including those of coaching Little
League baseball, gardening, spending time with his family and friends, and supporting
University of Tennessee athletic teams, especially the Lady Vols basketball team; and

WHEREAS, Pete Houck was an active and devout member of the Oak Grove Baptist Church, which he served faithfully for many years; and

WHEREAS, he was also deeply devoted to his family, and always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Houck enjoyed the loving companionship of his wife of fifty-seven years, Hazel Hammons Houck, and was the proud father and father-in-law of Gary and Lori Houck, Terry "Tiny" and Missy Houck, and Roger and Laura Houck; and

WHEREAS, Pete Houck will be sorely missed by his grandchildren, Dr. Misti Houck, Shaundra Houck Butler and Joshua, Sheena Houck, Ryan Houck, Ethan Houck, Michael and Laurel Baes, Casey Houck, Cody Houck, and Chance Houck, and a host of family and friends; and

WHEREAS, he was preceded in death by his parents and the aunt and uncle who raised him, Beatrice and Clarence Criley; and

WHEREAS, Pete Houck leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Clarence Warren "Pete" Houck, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mr. Houck.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.